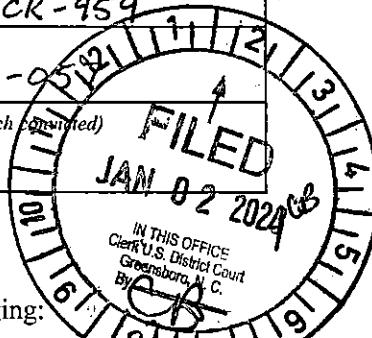


MOTION UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2255 TO VACATE, SET ASIDE, OR CORRECT  
SENTENCE BY A PERSON IN FEDERAL CUSTODY

United States District Court	District <b>Middle District North Carolina at Greensboro</b>	
Name (under which you were convicted): <b>Tyler Lloyd Grantz</b>	Docket or Case No.: <b>1:19-CR-459</b>	
Place of Confinement: <b>FCI Bennettsville</b>	Prisoner No.: <b>35106-95121</b>	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	Movant (include name under which convicted) V. <b>Tyler Lloyd Grantz</b>	



**MOTION**

1. (a) Name and location of court which entered the judgment of conviction you are challenging:  
**United States District Court for the middle district of North Carolina at Greensboro, N.C.**
- (b) Criminal docket or case number (if you know): **1:19-CR-459**
2. (a) Date of the judgment of conviction (if you know): **Feb. 12, 2020**  
(b) Date of sentencing: **Sept. 28, 2020**
3. Length of sentence: **240 mos. w/consecutive 120 months.**
4. Nature of crime (all counts):
 

**c1: Possession of stolen firearm (18 U.S.C. §§ 922(j) and 924(a)(2))**  
**c2: Possession with Intent to distribute Cocaine (21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C))**  
**c3: Possession with Intent to distribute Oxycodone (21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C))**  
**c4: Carrying and Using by discharging a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking crime (18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(iii)).**
5. (a) What was your plea? (Check one)
 

(1) Not guilty  (2) Guilty  (3) Nolo contendere (no contest)
6. (b) If you entered a guilty plea to one count or indictment, and a not guilty plea to another count or indictment, what did you plead guilty to and what did you plead not guilty to?  
  


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6. If you went to trial, what kind of trial did you have? (Check one)
 

Jury  Judge only
7. Did you testify at a pretrial hearing, trial, or post-trial hearing?
 

Yes  No

8. Did you appeal from the judgment of conviction? Yes  No

9. If you did appeal, answer the following:

- (a) Name of court: U.S. Court of Appeals For the Fourth Circuit
- (b) Docket or case number (if you know): 20-4498
- (c) Result: Conviction Affirmed
- (d) Date of result (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) Citation to the case (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_
- (f) Grounds raised: *Gov't presented insufficient that the Glock 32 was stolen and insufficient evidence that the defendant knew it was stolen (ct.1).*

*Draco rifle was unconstitutionally seized via a warrantless search of defendant's suitcase.*

(g) Did you file a petition for certiorari in the United States Supreme Court? Yes  No

If "Yes," answer the following:

- (1) Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Result: \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) Date of result (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) Citation to the case (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) Grounds raised: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Other than the direct appeals listed above, have you previously filed any other motions, petitions, or applications, concerning this judgment of conviction in any court?

Yes  No

11. If your answer to Question 10 was "Yes," give the following information:

- (a) (1) Name of court: \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) Date of filing (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Nature of the proceeding: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Grounds raised:

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(6) Did you receive a hearing where evidence was given on your motion, petition, or application?

Yes  No

(7) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(8) Date of result (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(b) If you filed any second motion, petition, or application, give the same information:

(1) Name of court: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Docket of case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Date of filing (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Nature of the proceeding: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Grounds raised:

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(6) Did you receive a hearing where evidence was given on your motion, petition, or application?

Yes  No

(7) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(8) Date of result (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Did you appeal to a federal appellate court having jurisdiction over the action taken on your motion, petition, or application?

(1) First petition: Yes  No

(2) Second petition: Yes  No

(d) If you did not appeal from the action on any motion, petition, or application, explain briefly why you did not:

12. For this motion, state every ground on which you claim that you are being held in violation of the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States. Attach additional pages if you have more than four grounds. State the facts supporting each ground. Any legal arguments must be submitted in a separate memorandum.

**GROUND ONE:** InSufficient evidence to convict defendant of discharging the firearms.

- (a) Supporting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.):

After the firearms were seized, forensic scientists conducted a fingerprints analysis and a DNA analysis with both yielding inconclusive results. No physical evidence or witness testimony was presented as proof beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant was the person who discharged the firearms.

(b) Direct Appeal of Ground One:

- (1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue?

Yes  No

- (2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why: *Defense counsel advised to challenge other issues.*

(c) Post-Conviction Proceedings:

- (1) Did you raise this issue in any post-conviction motion, petition, or application?

Yes  No

- (2) If you answer to Question (c)(1) is "Yes," state:

Type of motion or petition: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of the court where the motion or petition was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the court's decision: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_

- (3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion, petition, or application?

Yes  No

(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion, petition, or application?

Yes  No

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise the issue in the appeal?

Yes  No

(6) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," state:

Name and location of the court where the appeal was filed:

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Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the court's decision: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available):  
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(7) If your answer to Question (c)(4) or Question (c)(5) is "No," explain why you did not appeal or raise this issue:  
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**GROUND TWO:** \_\_\_\_\_

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(a) Supporting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.):  
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**(b) Direct Appeal of Ground Two:**

(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue?

Yes  No

(2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why:

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(c) **Post-Conviction Proceedings:**

(1) Did you raise this issue in any post-conviction motion, petition, or application?

Yes  No

(2) If your answer to Question (c)(1) is "Yes," state:

Type of motion or petition:

Name and location of the court where the motion or petition was filed:

Docket or case number (if you know):

Date of the court's decision:

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available):

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(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion, petition, or application?

Yes  No

(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion, petition, or application?

Yes  No

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise the issue in the appeal?

Yes  No

(6) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," state:

Name and location of the court where the appeal was filed:

Docket or case number (if you know):

Date of the court's decision:

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available):

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(7) If your answer to Question (c)(4) or Question (c)(5) is "No," explain why you did not appeal or raise this issue:

**GROUND THREE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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(a) Supporting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.):

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(b) **Direct Appeal of Ground Three:**

(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue?

Yes  No

(2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why:

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(c) **Post-Conviction Proceedings:**

(1) Did you raise this issue in any post-conviction motion, petition, or application?

Yes  No

(2) If you answer to Question (c)(1) is "Yes," state:

Type of motion or petition: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of the court where the motion or petition was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the court's decision: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_

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(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion, petition, or application?

Yes  No

(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion, petition, or application?

Yes  No

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise the issue in the appeal?

Yes  No

(6) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," state:

Name and location of the court where the appeal was filed:

Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the court's decision: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_

(7) If your answer to Question (c)(4) or Question (c)(5) is "No," explain why you did not appeal or raise this issue:

**GROUND FOUR:** \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Supporting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.):

(b) **Direct Appeal of Ground Four:**

(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue?

Yes  No

(2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why:

(c) **Post-Conviction Proceedings:**

(1) Did you raise this issue in any post-conviction motion, petition, or application?

Yes  No

(2) If you answer to Question (c)(1) is "Yes," state:

Type of motion or petition: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of the court where the motion or petition was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the court's decision: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion, petition, or application?

Yes  No

(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion, petition, or application?

Yes  No

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise the issue in the appeal?

Yes  No

(6) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," state:

Name and location of the court where the appeal was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the court's decision: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_

(7) If your answer to Question (c)(4) or Question (c)(5) is "No," explain why you did not appeal or raise this issue:

13. Is there any ground in this motion that you have not previously presented in some federal court? If so, which ground or grounds have not been presented, and state your reasons for not presenting them:

*Ground one was not previously presented because defense counsel advised defendant to challenge other issues.*

14. Do you have any motion, petition, or appeal now pending (filed and not decided yet) in any court for the judgment you are challenging? Yes  No   
 If "Yes," state the name and location of the court, the docket or case number, the type of proceeding, and the issues raised.
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15. Give the name and address, if known, of each attorney who represented you in the following stages of the judgment you are challenging:
- (a) At the preliminary hearing:

(b) At the arraignment and plea:

(c) At the trial: *David B. Freedman, Esq. of Crumpler Freedman Parker & Witt  
301 N. Main St., Ste. 1100 Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101*

(d) At sentencing: *David B. Freedman, Esq.*

(e) On appeal: *Marilyn G. Ozer of Massengale & Ozer  
211 North Columbia St., Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514*

(f) In any post-conviction proceeding:

(g) On appeal from any ruling against you in a post-conviction proceeding:

16. Were you sentenced on more than one court of an indictment, or on more than one indictment, in the same court and at the same time? Yes  No

17. Do you have any future sentence to serve after you complete the sentence for the judgment that you are challenging? Yes  No

(a) If so, give name and location of court that imposed the other sentence you will serve in the future:

(b) Give the date the other sentence was imposed:

(c) Give the length of the other sentence:

(d) Have you filed, or do you plan to file, any motion, petition, or application that challenges the judgment or sentence to be served in the future? Yes  No

18. TIMELINESS OF MOTION: If your judgment of conviction became final over one year ago, you must explain why the one-year statute of limitations as contained in 28 U.S.C. § 2255 does not bar your motion.\*

I attempted to file a pro se motion to vacate sentence but the court stated that the motion was not on the proper §2255 form and the Court stated that it appeared I was near the time limit for filing a §2255 motion so the Court instead, filed my action, and allowed me to have time to resubmit my motion in a form that complies with the Court's rules. It was therefore ordered by U.S. magistrate Judge Joe L. Webster to the Clerk of Court that I be sent new §2255 forms and filing instructions. The order was issued on 2/19/23. However, after a lengthy wait, the defendant contacted the Clerk's office and notified them that I still had not received the forms per Judge Webster's orders. The forms were subsequently sent and petitioner/defendant received the forms via institutional mail on Oct. 26, 2023.

\* The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 ("AEDPA") as contained in 28 U.S.C. § 2255, paragraph 6, provides in part that:

A one-year period of limitation shall apply to a motion under this section. The limitation period shall run from the latest of –

- (1) the date on which the judgment of conviction became final;
- (2) the date on which the impediment to making a motion created by governmental action in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States is removed, if the movant was prevented from making such a motion by such governmental action;
- (3) the date on which the right asserted was initially recognized by the Supreme Court, if that right has been newly recognized by the Supreme Court and made retroactively applicable to cases on collateral review; or
- (4) the date on which the facts supporting the claim or claims presented could have been discovered through the exercise of due diligence.

Therefore, movant asks that the Court grant the following relief: *vacate sentence on the grounds of insufficient evidence to convict count Four.*

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or any other relief to which movant may be entitled.

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Signature of Attorney (if any)

I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this Motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 was placed in the prison mailing system on \_\_\_\_\_

(month, date, year)

Executed (signed) on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

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Signature of Movant

If the person signing is not movant, state relationship to movant and explain why movant is not signing this motion.